



Chairperson



Vice-Chair



DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, December 11, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne County Community College District, 1001 West Fort Street in Detroit, Michigan.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**

Sgt. Christopher Cole
Sgt. Mary Baritche
P.O. Dwight Featherstone
P.O. Sophia Nelms

Department Personnel Present

AC Ronald Fleming
DC Marshall Lyons
DC Leo Powers
Cmdr. Debra Fair
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Cmdr. Steven Dolunt
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Morris Wells
Cmdr. Dwayne Love
Lt. Gerald Robinson
Inv. Laverne Mack
Sgt. Rodney Cox
Sgt. Alan Quinn
P.O. Fitzgerald Harris
P.O. Michael Midrigal
P.O. Jevon Sims

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv. (ABS)
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Josephine Smith
Barbara Maye
Jeff DeBraynt
Rosa Cruz Avila
Mary Lacy
Victor Abla
Dora Jackson
Herman Vallery

Tijuana Morris
Charlie Thomas
Roland Crosby
Stephen Weber
Rita Crooks
Phyllis Hernandez
Charles Boone
David Agee

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:46 p.m. He asked Ms. Josephine Smith of the Southwestern Community Relation Council to bring greetings.

J. Smith welcomed everyone to WCCCD (Wayne County Community College District) and the Southwestern District.

Comm. Griffin read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, December 11, 2008**

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, December 4, 2008**

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	20	1650	46% Decrease
2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	37	1659	1% Decrease

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,217 active investigations, of which 1,103 of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 12/11/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
4	CENTRAL		3	1			2				6
2	EASTERN		1				1	1			3
1	NARCOTICS						1				1
3	NORTHEASTERN	1	1							2	4
1	NORTHWESTERN		1								1
2	SOUTHWESTERN		1				2				3
1	TRAFFIC						1				1
2	Unknown Command						2				2
1	VIOLENT CRIMES		1				1				2
3	WESTERN		3				1		1		5
20		1	11	1			11	1	1	2	28

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On December 5th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 15000 block of Carlisle on “Person with a Weapon” and arrested a subject. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Felonious Assault,” “Domestic Violence,” “Assault & Battery,” and “Habitual 2nd.”

Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, December 18, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St. Suite 328
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Northwestern District	2	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Northeastern District	2	7737 Kercheval	2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	*10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	870-0649
Eastern District	2	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
Southwestern District	2	13206 E. Jefferson	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	821-5851
		22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	343-7506
		14700 Mack	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations

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Northwestern District

On December 5th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 20000 block of Norfolk on a "Robbery Armed-Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Carjacking," "Robbery Armed," "Assault with Intent to Murder," "Felony Assault," "Discharge of a Firearm into a Building," "Discharge of a Firearm from a Vehicle," "Carrying a Concealed Weapon," and "Felony Firearm."



Northeastern District

On December 3rd, officers of the Northeastern District conducted surveillance in an area where businesses were being robbed. The officers responded to the 14000 block of Jos Campau on an "Armed Robbery." Due to the officers quick response, a subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon-Person," "Carrying a Concealed Weapon with Unlawful Intent," and "Felon in Possession of a Firearm."



Eastern District

On December 3rd, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 4000 block of Lillibridge on a "Person Shot." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to Rob Armed," "Assault with Intent to Murder," and "Felony Firearm." A handgun was confiscated.

Southwestern District

On December 7th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 1000 block of Lansing on a "Home Invasion in Progress." As a result of their investigation, three subjects were arrested and charged with "Home Invasion 1st Degree." A handgun was confiscated.

AC Fleming welcomed members of the department, and introduced Cmdr. Bettison of the Southwestern District.

Cmdr Bettison introduced his staff and gave an overview of the Southwestern District, its current endeavors which included information on Weed & Seed, anti breaking and entering initiatives, crime, and various task forces.

Cmdr. Fair spoke about the Southwestern District's Newsletter and the information it contains such as breaking and entering, robbery and narcotic confiscation.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Chairperson Holley asked how they intend to get the newsletter to the citizens in the District.

Cmdr. Fair stated by giving it to the Community Relations staff for distribution and by email to various community groups.

Chairperson Holley stated for a 192,000 residential district, there needs to be another way to have them go out by mail, or by finding funds from places such as forfeiture.

Cmdr. Fair stated they will look into that and make sure that they are placed at the Southwestern District.

Chairperson Holley stated that this is a wonderful idea and the information is beneficial to the citizens.

He stated to Cmdr. Bettison that he didn't know that he was at the Southwestern District.

Cmdr. Bettison stated he has been there a little over a year and became the Patrol Executives along with Cmdr. Fair under the new administration.

He stated they will make sure that the newsletter reaches every one within the Southwestern District.

Chairperson Holley asked are there any statistics that will show the citizens how the district compares to last year's number.

Cmdr. Bettison stated they do have that information available and will make sure he receives it.

Comm. Griffin stated he served on the previous Chief's Advisory Board. He stated there is a "disconnect," because the community doesn't know what the department is doing because some information is kept close to the vest for a number of reasons. You need to put the pastors on front street, take copies to every church in your district and let them know that Pastor Griffin and Pastor Holley supports this. Sometime later you can come back and let this body know if it was successful.

He asked AC Fleming if the department still holds Comstat meetings.

AC Fleming stated yes.

Comm. Griffin stated good because that is also important to the community because all of the statistics are given at that meeting. He stated they really need to be creative to get this information to the citizens.

Cmdr. Bettison stated he will look at other ways because they have a very active community in the Southwestern District.

Chairperson Holley stated what you are doing is great but it's how you get that information to them that needs to be addressed.

He asked what the ethnic makeup of the Southwestern District is.

Cmdr. Bettison stated the district has the largest Latin/Hispanic population in the city. There are also African American and Caucasians. The upper part of the District is mostly African American and Caucasians.

Chairperson Holley asked if there were any bilingual speaking officers in the district.

Cmdr. Bettison stated yes.

Chairperson Holley acknowledged the arrival of Comm. Ramirez at 7:12 pm.

Comm. Ramirez stated they finally have the shooting range in the district open.

Cmdr. Bettison stated yes and they are happy about it.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

WHEREAS Mr. Roland Crosby was born in Bingham, Kentucky and moved to the City of Detroit in 1945 where he has been a supportive long-time resident of the Southwestern District. He is a proud father of six children; and

WHEREAS Mr. Crosby was a dedicated employee of the Chrysler Corporation with more than 30 years of service and retired in 1991. From there, he earnestly made community service his life's mission; and

WHEREAS Mr. Crosby has been a member and active participant of the Burton McFarlane Association since 1988. Holding the positions of Board Advisor, Field Coordinator and Radio Patrol President, he has worked tirelessly to create new community programs; and

WHEREAS Mr. Crosby successfully organizes block clubs, assists with the enforcement of zoning laws for community businesses, organizes recreational activities, assist in youth development and employment, as well as education for seniors. He also serves as a liaison for the Detroit Police Department and has completed numerous beautification projects in the community; and

WHEREAS Mr. Crosby has been a dedicated member of the Southwestern District Police Community Relations Council since 1992, having served in the capacity of President and Vice President. He finds the time to volunteer at city events such as Anti-Crime Walks, Motor City Makeover and Angels Night, and willingly shares his vision and love for community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the dedication, generosity and giving spirit of Mr. Roland Crosby. His exemplary and selfless service in improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the entire City of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Roland Crosby.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Jim Holley
Chairperson

/s/Rev. Ronald L. Griffin
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

ADOPTED BY THE

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Commissioner

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
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/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

AC Fleming presented Mr. Crosby with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

Cmdr. Bettison presented Mr. Crosby with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of the Detroit City Council.

R. Crosby thanked everyone for recognizing him with these awards.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Holley asked Dir Ducker if she would give a brief overview of the recruiting process.

Dir. Ducker stated since 2007, the department has been hiring for law enforcement officers. The individual has to be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, no felonies, good driving record, pass a physical agility and a written test. Since then, they have hired 211 applicants.

Comm. Ramirez stated the Board has received a draft of the Towing Resolution and they will be receiving the hard copy next week. She stated for the towers who are in the audience that the Board is working very quickly on this.

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Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

T. Morris stated she did an investigation of a family who was arrested and charged with assaulting an officer. She went to court with the family but no police officers showed up. She will forward a copy of her report to Chief Investigator Sheard.

Chairperson Holley stated to Ms. Morris that a complaint must be filed and OCI has to do their investigation.

T. Morris stated yes.

E. Moore welcomed everyone to the Southwestern District.

D. Jackson stated the commanders and officers of the Southwestern District are doing a great job and they keep the community informed.

C. Boone stated he is here today to give the Board an update on an issue they had.

Comm. Griffin stated for the record he had some issues and was asked to come back in 30 days to give an update.

C. Boone stated they had confronted some drug dealers and, as a result, his home was fire bombed. He is currently living in an apartment while his home is being repaired and stated that Mr. Agee could provide an update because he still lives on that block. He stated that Mr. Agee's truck was exploded with dynamite.

D. Agee stated during the past 30 days nothing has been done. They are still selling drugs down the street from his house.

Chairperson Holley asked where you are referring to.

D. Agee stated 7 mile between Cambridge and Vassar.

Chairperson Holley asked why his truck was fire bombed.

D. Agee stated he held a community meeting at his home to organize a block club and the drug dealers also came.

Chairperson asked who he spoke with in the Northwestern District.

Comm. Griffin stated he spoke with the community relations officer. That's when he asked for them to come back and give a 30-day status and it sounds like they haven't received any help. He asked Mr. Agee what progress has he seen in 30 days.

D. Agee stated he spoke with Lt. Serda who rode through the neighborhood and relayed to her that they were still selling drugs.

Chairperson Holley asked AC Fleming if he could assist Mr. Agee.

AC Fleming stated he will get with Mr. Agee after the meeting and next week. When he comes back he will have a positive story.

P. Hernandez asked AC Fleming if you have to be an authorized tower with the city to tow abandoned vehicles.

AC Fleming stated he will take her number and will call her back tomorrow morning with the answer.

R. Scott asked about the early warning system regarding police officers and if there were plans to put cameras in 30 series vehicles. He also asked how much of the Consent Decree has been met.

Chairperson Holley stated that he will have a presentation on the Consent Decree before the Board in February of 2009. He would like to continue meeting with Mr. Scott in 2009 along with a representative from the Chief's office.

R. Scott thanked those officers of the department who have stepped up regarding the blue wall of silence and hope that the new recruits will also follow.

Chairperson Holley stated to Mr. Scott to get with Dir. Ducker about speaking with those new recruits.

R. Scott stated he will do that.

Comm. Griffin stated to Mr. Scott there were several questions that he asked and some were answered and would like to get some answers to the others. He asked AC Fleming to elaborate on the cameras.

AC Fleming stated that they are having some problems with the in-car videos because the camera is running 24 hours. He then asked DC Powers if he could share some light on this.

DC Powers stated there is an issue with the video. The in-car video continues to run when the car is shut off, therefore it is recording the walls. When you go to download it pushes the needed video off the server and downloads the wall.

Chairperson Holley stated when the Board reads the reports, they get the feeling that the officer is turning off the in-car video. He asked why they can't be shut off when they are idle.

DC Powers stated they have to investigate that to see if there is a default or failure before he can come to a conclusion.

Chairperson Holley asked what are some of the other police departments doing about in-car video that are under the Consent Decree.

DC Powers stated he can't answer to all of them being under the Consent Decree, but the mass majority is using a driven video which this department is trying to go in. He stated they are also trying to put videos into the booster cars.

Chairperson Holley stated the department keeps track where most of the crime takes place.

DC Powers stated that's correct.

Chairperson Holley asked if crimes are happening in the wee hours, why not have those vehicles equipped with cameras.

DC Powers stated the priority is to put them in the response units under the guidelines of the Department of Justice. They are working on trying to equip all of the vehicles.

Comm. Ramirez stated when you purchase the vehicles they have to be taken to another place to install the video camera.

DC Powers stated yes, ma'am.

Comm. Ramirez stated she was under the impression that when the vehicle is purchased it doesn't move until all the equipment has been installed.

DC Powers stated that's the new process that they are trying to initiate.

Chairperson Holley asked what the cost of these vehicles is.

DC Powers stated the car costs \$23,000-\$27,000. Once the technology is added, that cost is about \$46,000.

Comm. Holley stated he will sit in the back seat and video for \$20,000.

Comm. Ramirez asked what is happening with the microphone that the officers have.

DC Powers stated yes, they are.

Comm. Ramirez stated this is good for the officers as well as the citizens to have their mics on.

DC Powers stated that this is an educational process that should be given by their command.

Comm. Ramirez asked how many technicians are there since this is budget time.

DC Powers stated that he'd rather discuss this issue after the meeting.

Comm. Griffin asked if Director Robinson can assist them in putting together something regarding training for the community under the direction of AC Fleming.

S. Weber stated he is from the Northeastern District and while Cmdr. Bettison was in there he did a wonderful job.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb